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Heroin, Opiate Antidote to be Available at Lower Cost

Madison – Thursday, Representative John Nygren (R- Marinette) released the following statement regarding the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) approval of a less expensive, easy-to-use version of Narcan:

"Narcan is an opioid antagonist, which means it may reverse the effects of an overdose when it's administered properly and in a timely manner. Unfortunately, this drug has been known to be quite expensive at \$75-\$100 per dose.

"Fortunately, Adapt Pharma is taking great strides to help increase access to Narcan by creating an easy-to-use nasal spray that will likely lower the cost significantly. The company's new version of Narcan was recently approved by the FDA and is set to be priced as low as \$37.50 per dose for all government, community, and educational organizations, including law enforcement, fire departments, and schools.

"Increasing access to life-saving drugs like Narcan will certainly save lives and I'm happy to see companies like Adapt Pharma step forward in the fight against heroin and prescription drug addiction."

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